



FMIT – Mass Fatality Plan Tribal Considerations

Objectives

- Understand issues associated with Mass Fatality Incidents, including lessons learned and best practices
- Address the gaps and short comings in mass fatality
- Provide forum for interagency collaboration and understanding

Presentation Attachments

- Power Point Presentation
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Mass Care and Fatality Plan

Plan Development

- September 2005 received BT 101 and need to develop TBRP, completed and submitted to ADHS in December 2005
- Plan continuation follows the IHS self-assessment process to assess the most difficult part of the plan to work on and assessments show it to be: a.) mass care and b.) mass fatality associated to tribal traditions. We are going to share how this plan was developed.



Self-Assessment

- Tribal Mass Care Planning
- Tribal Mass Fatality Planning

Mass Care: NIMS Planning



Mass Care Plan

- Identify your Tribal, agency and community partners
- Identify existing designated shelter sites
- Identify alternative shelter sites
- Identify manpower, equipment and supplies needed
- Develop Memorandum of Agreements (MOA's)
- I have included a sample of an MOA

Memorandum of Agreement

- Please refer to your MOA included in your information packet.

Website

- www.pandemicflu.gov/general/greatpandemic2.html
- **A form of mask was worn**
- **Schools, theaters and churches were closed**
- **Public gatherings at funerals stopped**
- **Strict quarantine was enforced**

Website

- www.archives.gov/exhibits/influenza-epidemic/reords-list.html
- NPIs were practiced
- The Indians were very susceptible to pan flu
- Apologetic letters were sent home “--- your child’s remains cannot be sent home.”
- Transportation of all types came to a stand still

Traditional Mojave Bird Singers and Dancers



Mourning Hall

Mourning Hall Practices if allowed by law.

Practice	Alternative
Close public gathering with emotional gesturing, singing and hugging.	Invite limited immediate family members with social distancing.
Bird Singing with dancers, close social quarters.	If allowed, develop social distancing measure.
Open casket if allowed by law.	Closed casket to protect public.
Ceremony parts of two days.	Reduce to a few hours for family cultural closure.
Meals provided.	If allowed, develop social distancing.
Present – Two per week and determined by bird singers and dancers.	Determine maximum allowed per week, if allowed.

Alternative Practices

Alternatives when disallowed by law.

Practice	Alternative
Mourning Hall Gathering.	Provide options for families for closure.
Option No. 1	Community concerned family opts for private family mourning for closure, no tribal ceremonies, follows all lawful practices.
Option No. 2	Traditional family opts for tribal ceremony at home with social distancing.
Option No. 3	Traditional family request limited tribal ceremony with social distancing.



Cremation Practice

Cremation Practice if allowed by law.

Practice	Alternative
Funeral pyre preparation.	OK if allowed by law.
Open tribal cremation.	If allowed, develop social distancing.
Within City limits.	Community education both Tribal and town community.

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Cremation Preparations



Cremation Alternative

Cremation Practice if not allowed by law.

Practice	Pre-Planned Alternatives
Not allowed at Tribal cremation grounds.	<p>1.- Arrange for lawful cremation at mortuary crematorium. (This is a family planned decision.)</p> <p>2.- All families have to practice Option 1. discussed in Alternative Practices shown on slide No. 13.</p>

Practices Away from Home

Transporting Human Remains by Law.

Practice	Pre-Planned Alternatives
ARS 36-326 describes lawful transport of deceased.	Pan Flu may add increased laws of restrictions.
Deceased may not be transportable.	Develop family plan for temporary closure.
Past and Practices today.	Memorials are practiced today for these situations.

Other Practices

- Many tribes practice dual ceremonial practices as we do with a Christian ceremony prior to the traditional ceremony.
- Mortuary Practices

Practice	Alternative
<p>Mortuary Practice Altered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choice of funeral arrangements.• Choice of caskets.• Choice of services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The law may dictate the legal arrangements allowed.• Only types to prevent spread of pandemic.• All gathering banned, arrange for family closure.

Church Services

- Church Services

Practice	Alternative
Church Services	Past practice indicates all gathering places such as church service was banned by law. Arrange for family home closure practicing social distancing.

Gap Chart

- Please refer to Gap Chart in your information packet.





Closing Remarks